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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Thomas Sheckels  
Head, Restoration Management Section  
Department of the Navy, Northern Division  
U.S. Naval Base, Bldg. 77L  
Philadelphia, PA 19112-5094

Re: Site Inspection - Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant  
Calverton, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Sheckels:

This is in reference to your letter dated January 21, 1991 to Ms. Helen Shannon of my staff pertaining to the Site Inspection (SI) for the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Calverton, N.Y. Attachments to the subject letter included a proposed schedule for the Navy's completion of an SI report for part of the facility (sites 4 & 6) as well as for a Remedial Investigation (RI)/ Feasibility Study (FS) report for various other sites (sites 1 & 2) at the facility.

As stated in a recent phone conversation between Ms. Shannon and Mr. Paul Wentworth of your staff, the Navy's proposal "to go directly" to the RI/FS stage is not practical and would not help expedite completion of the SI data required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete its evaluation of your facility under the Hazard Ranking System (HRS). EPA first notified your facility in December 1989 that an SI must be performed. Our follow-up letter of December 10, 1990 specified that an adequate amount of time had already elapsed (1 year) since our initial SI request. Despite contractual problems that you say have been encountered by your agency for the SI, your proposal of May 1992 for completion of an SI for sites 4 & 6 (only) is unacceptable. The SI should not only be accelerated but also should encompass the entire facility.

Please be aware that the delinquency of your facility's SI also has prevented EPA from meeting its own deadlines as mandated under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) for completion of the facility's evaluation under the HRS. Hence, it is of utmost importance that the Navy proceed with a complete and comprehensive SI as expeditiously as possible.

Please notify us in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter as to how your agency specifically plans to expedite your SI and when EPA should anticipate receipt of the report.

The above information should be sent to:

Ms. Helen Shannon  
Regional Docket Coordinator  
Federal Facilities Section  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
26 Federal Plaza, Room 2930  
New York, New York 10278

This follow-up information request is being made pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e). Failure to comply with this request may result in issuance of an order with the concurrence of the U.S. Attorney General requiring compliance, 42 U.S.C., Section 9604(e)(5).

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Robert Wing, Chief, Federal Facilities Section at (212) 264-8670 or Ms. Shannon at (212) 264-6664, both of my staff.

Sincerely yours,



Vincent Pitruzzello, Chief  
Program Support Branch

cc: Frederick Sterns, Dept. of Navy-HQ  
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